

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method ~~Method~~ to fasten an outer shell [(4)] in a gyratory crusher [(1)], which comprises the outer shell [(4)], which is to be fastened in a frame [(2)] included in the crusher [(1)], and an inner shell [(12)], which is intended to be fastened on a crushing head [(10)] and to define, together with the outer shell [(4)], a crushing gap [(14)] for receipt of material to be crushed, ~~wherein e-h-a-r-a-c-t-e-r-i-z-e-d-i-n-t-h-a-t~~ in a first step a first abutment surface [(34)] on the outer periphery of the outer shell [(4)] is brought to abutment against a first contact surface [(32)] on the frame [(2)], and in that in a second step a spacer member [(28)] for clamping of the outer shell [(4)] is pressed in between a second abutment surface [(50)] on the outer periphery of the outer shell [(4)] and the frame [(2)].

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 1, wherein said first abutment surface [(34)] is situated at the lower end [(33)] of the outer shell [(4)] seen in a material flow direction [(M)], said second abutment surface [(50)] being situated closer to the upper end [(51)] of the outer shell [(4)] seen in the material flow direction [(M)].

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The method ~~Method~~ according to claim 2, wherein in the second step the spacer member [(28)] is pressed in between the second abutment surface [(50)] and the frame [(2)] in the direction towards the first abutment surface [(34)].

Claim 4 (Currently amended): Method according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein in the first step the outer shell [(4)] is secured after the first abutment surface [(34)] thereof has been brought to abutment against the first contact surface [(32)] of the frame [(2)], in the second step the spacer member [(28)] being secured after it having been

pressed in between the second abutment surface [(50)] of the outer shell [(4)] and the frame [(2)].

Claim 5 (Currently amended): Method according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, wherein the spacer member [(28)] has a first sliding surface [(52)] and a second sliding surface [(54)] opposite the first sliding surface [(52)], the first sliding surface [(52)] sliding against the second abutment surface [(50)] of the outer shell [(4)] and the second sliding surface [(54)] sliding against a second contact surface [(56)] on the frame [(2)] when the spacer member [(28)] is pressed in.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): Outer shell for fixing in a gyratory crusher [(1)], which comprises a frame [(2)], wherein the outer shell [(4)] should be fastened, and an inner shell [(12)], which is securable on a crushing head [(10)] in order to, together with the outer shell [(4)], define a crushing gap [(14)] for receipt of material to be crushed, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the outer shell [(4)] has a first abutment surface [(34)], which is arranged to, in a first fixing step, be brought to abutment against a first contact surface [(32)] on the frame [(2)], and a second abutment surface [(50)] that is arranged to, in a second fixing step, be brought in engagement with a spacer member [(28)] that is possible to press between the frame [(2)] and the second abutment surface [(50)].

Claim 7 (Currently amended): Outer shell according to claim 6, wherein said first abutment surface [(34)] is situated at the lower end [(33)] of the outer shell seen in a material flow direction [(M)], said second abutment surface [(50)] being situated closer to the upper end [(51)] of the outer shell [(4)] seen in the material flow direction [(M)].

Claim 8 (Currently amended): Outer shell according to claim 6 ~~[[or 7]]~~, wherein the second abutment surface ~~[[50]]~~ forms an angle to the vertical plane of 0–20 degrees and is arranged to slide against a first sliding surface ~~[[52]]~~ on the spacer member ~~[[28]]~~.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): Outer shell according to claim 6 ~~any one of claims 6–8~~, wherein the second abutment surface ~~[[50]]~~ is substantially perpendicular to the main direction of the crushing forces ~~[[C2]]~~ that during operation arise in plane with the second abutment surface ~~[[50]]~~.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): Outer shell according to claim 6 ~~any one of claims 6–9~~, wherein the first abutment surface ~~[[34]]~~ forms an angle to the vertical plane of 10–55 degrees, preferably such an angle that the first abutment surface ~~[[34]]~~ forms a substantially right angle to the main direction of the crushing forces ~~[[C1]]~~ that during operation arise in plane with the first abutment surface ~~[[34]]~~.

Claim 11 (Currently amended): Outer shell according to claim 6 ~~any one of claims 6–10~~, wherein the second abutment surface ~~[[50]]~~ is situated substantially on a level with the portions ~~[[5]]~~ of the periphery of the outer shell ~~[[4]]~~ that surround the second abutment surface ~~[[50]]~~.

Claim 12 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher, which has an outer shell ~~[[4]]~~, which is securable in a frame ~~[[2]]~~ included in the crusher ~~[[1]]~~, and an inner shell ~~[[12]]~~, which is securable on a crushing head ~~[[10]]~~ in order to, together with the outer shell ~~[[4]]~~, define a crushing gap ~~[[14]]~~ for receipt of material to be crushed, wherein characterized in that the outer shell ~~[[4]]~~ of the crusher has a first abutment surface ~~[[34]]~~, which is arranged to, in a first fixing step, be brought to abutment against a first contact surface ~~[[32]]~~ on the frame ~~[[2]]~~, and a second abutment surface ~~[[50]]~~ that is arranged to, in a second fixing step, be

brought in engagement with a spacer member [(28)] that is possible to press in between the frame [(2)] and the second abutment surface [(50)].

Claim 13 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 12, wherein said first abutment surface [(34)] is situated at the lower end [(33)] of the outer shell seen in a material flow direction [(M)], said second abutment surface [(50)] being situated closer to the upper end [(51)] of the outer shell [(4)] seen in the material flow direction [(M)].

Claim 14 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12 and 13~~, wherein the spacer member is an intermediate ring [(28)], which has a substantially tubular part [(43)], which is intended to be pressed in between the second abutment surface [(50)] of the outer shell [(4)] and a second contact surface [(56)] on the frame [(2)].

Claim 15 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12-14~~, wherein the spacer member [(42)] is divided into two to eight segments ~~(68, 70, 72, 74)~~.

Claim 16 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12-15~~, wherein the spacer member [(28)] has a first sliding surface [(52)], which forms an angle to the vertical plane of 0-20 degrees and which is arranged to slide against the second abutment surface [(50)] on the outer shell [(4)] upon the pressing-in of the spacer member [(28)].

Claim 17 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to Claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12-16~~, wherein the spacer member [(28)] has a second sliding surface [(54)], which is arranged to slide against a second contact surface [(56)] on the frame [(2)], which second contact surface [(56)] is terminated by a shoulder [(62)] protruding from the frame [(2)], the

lower limitation, in the material flow direction [(M)], of the shoulder [(62)] being situated substantially at the lower limitation [(64)], seen in the material flow direction [(M)], of the sliding surface [(54)].

Claim 18 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 17, wherein the second contact surface [(56)] of the frame [(2)] forms an angle to the vertical plane of 0–10 degrees.

Claim 19 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12–18~~, wherein the upper portion [(146)], in the material flow direction [(M)], of the spacer member [(128)] is protected by a replaceable protecting plate [(147)].

Claim 20 (Currently amended): Gyratory crusher according to claim 12 ~~any one of claims 12–19~~, wherein the spacer member [(28)] has a mounting flange [(44)], which by means of mounting members [(58)] is arranged to press the spacer member [(28)] in between the second abutment surface [(50)] of the outer shell [(4)] and the frame [(2)] and to secure the spacer member [(28)] against the frame [(2)].

Claim 21 (Currently amended): Spacer member for use upon fixing of an outer shell [(4)] in a frame [(2)] included in a gyratory crusher [(1)], which outer shell [(4)] is intended to, together with an inner shell [(12)], which is securable on a crushing head [(10)], define a crushing gap [(14)] for receipt of material to be crushed in the crusher [(1)], the outer shell [(4)] having a first abutment surface [(34)], which in a first fixing step has been brought to abutment against a first contact surface [(32)] on the frame [(2)], and the spacer member [(28)] being arranged to, in a second fixing step, be pressed in between a second abutment surface [(50)] on the outer shell [(4)] and the frame [(2)].